



Docket No.: 49657-871

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
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For: PHOTOMASK INCLUDING AUXILIARY MARK AREA, SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF		

**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The following amendment and remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action  
dated December 19, 2003.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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